

Remarks

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1-12 and 14 are rejected, and claims 13, 15, and 16 are allowed. Claims 2 and 6-8 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim. Indication of allowed subject matter is appreciated.

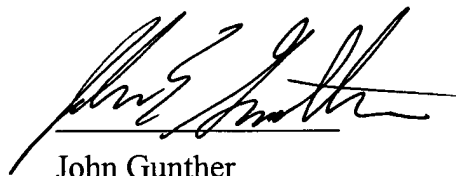
In this response, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 2. Applicant submits that claim 1 and the associated dependent claims (3, 4, 8 – 12) are now in condition for allowance. Additionally, claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form, incorporating the limitations of claim 1, and thus should also be in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 5, 7, and 14 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and requests such allowance.

Applicant notes that a change of address and power of attorney, which were not initiated by the assignee of this application, were entered in this application, presumably due to a clerical error. This response is accompanied by a change of address and power of attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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